

REMARKS

This application was abandoned for failure to file an appeal brief by December 2, 2003, following the filing of a notice of appeal on October 2, 2003. A petition to revive this application is being submitted herewith.

The Official Action of April 2, 2003 indicated that claim 4 included allowable subject matter. In reliance thereon, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 4 to place the application in condition for allowance. Claim 4 has been canceled.

The present amendment is believed to avoid the rejection of claims 1 and 2 as anticipated by TROCCIOLA et al. 4,317,865 and the rejection of claims 3 and 5 as unpatentable over TROCCIOLA et al. in view of SMITH et al. 5,139,896.

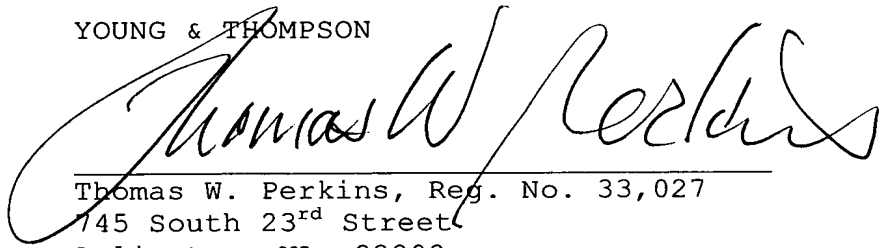
In view of the present amendment, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested upon granting of the petition to revive the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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